THE BLIND METAL BAND BATTLES A FANTASTIC FOE TO SAVE A SIGHTLESS BOY *in*...

"The ROBOT JUGGERNAUT!"

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TIN!--YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE OF US LEFT TO SAVE BILLY!

M-M-ME-?! B-B-BUT I'M ONLY *T-T-TIN!*

ART BY ANDRU AND ESPOSITO

*Rx Against ACCIDENTS!

*PRESCRIPTION

NOW, BOYS, REMEMBER ALL THE THINGS I'VE TOLD YOU ABOUT--AND WE'LL HAVE A LOT OF FUN ON THIS OVERNIGHT HIKE.

AW, ALL THAT TALK ABOUT PREVENTING ACCIDENTS! MR. JOBY WORRIES TOO MUCH! WE'RE NOT BABIES!

THAT AFTERNOON...

OH, BOY! THERE'S A COOL SPOT FOR US TO CAMP! WE CAN PLAY BALL DOWN THERE!

HOLD IT, BOB!

"LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP" MAY SOUND CORNY, BOB--BUT IT COULD SAVE YOU A BROKEN LEG!

SHORTLY...

HEY, I'M HUNGRY! ISN'T THAT SOUP READY YET--

OUCH!

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO USE A POT-HOLDER, BOB!

LATER...

LET'S SEE WHAT'S DOWN THIS PATH!

WATCH OUT!

THAT'S POISON IVY GROWING THERE! I HAD A BAD CASE OF IT ONCE--AND I'LL NEVER FORGET IT!

IT SOUNDS CORNY, FELLERS--BUT YOU'D BETTER "LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP!"

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DR. MAGNUS

METAL MEN

LEAD

TIN

GOLD

MERCURY

IRON

PLATINUM

THE METAL MEN IN THE EXPLOSIVE ADVENTURE TOO GIGANTIC TO BE CONTAINED WITHIN THE COVERS OF A SINGLE BOOK KNOWN TO MAN--WILL DAZZLE YOU WITH SURPRISES THAT WILL HAVE YOU TALKING TO YOURSELF FOR THE NEXT HUNDRED YEARS! DON'T SAY WE DIDN'T WARN YOU--IF YOU VALUE YOUR SANITY--TO RUN FROM...

THE ROBOT JUGGERNAUT!

BOOK TWO of "THE PLAYGROUND of TERROR!"

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ON A SINISTER PLANETOID, RUNAWAY RIDES OF A DESERTED PLAYGROUND OF TERROR BOLT IN MECHANICAL FURY...

BLANG

WRRRRRRR!

GNRRRRR

WROOSH

KLANK

KLANKETY-KLANK

STUMBLING FROM THIS INHUMAN HORDE ARE THE SIGHTLESS METAL MEN--THEIR SURVIVAL NOT IN THE MIGHT OF AN INVINCIBLE HERO--BUT AN EQUALLY BLIND TEENAGER!

KLANK!

KLANK

KLANK

THUD!

THUD!

KLANK-KLANK-

KLANKETY-KLANK-KLANK

665... 666... NOW LEFT FOR TEN STEPS...

...8...9...10! NOW RIGHT FOR 39 STEPS!

...39... 40! STRAIGHT AHEAD FOR 22 STEPS AND WE'LL BE BACK AT THE ROCKET!

THUD!

THUD!

THUD!

THUD!

THUD!

THUD!

THUD!

BUT, THE SUSPENSE CAUSES THE IRRITABLE LIQUID METAL MERCURY TO SPURT UP IN PANIC...

LEFT!--RIGHT!--RIGHT!--LEFT! YOU ALL MUST HAVE SHORT-CIRCUITED YOUR "RESPONSOMETERS" TO FOLLOW A KID WHO WAS BORN BLIND AND CAN'T SEE ANYMORE THAN WE CAN! I'M LEAVING!

WHO'S NEXT TO MERCURY?

I AM--TINA! HELP ME KEEP HIM DOWN, IRON!

CHECK, GOLD!

GOLD! IRON! LET ME GO! I CAN HEAR THOSE STAMPEDING RIDES BEHIND US--RUN--RUN! BEFORE THEY STAMP US INTO SCRAP!

RRRRUMBLE

CLANK

CLAN

SIMMER DOWN, MERCURY! OUR ONLY CHANCE OF ESCAPING IS IN OUR ROCKET! BILLY MEMORIZED THE WAY--LIKE ANY BLIND PERSON! HE'S OUR ONLY CHANCE OF GETTING BACK TO IT! WHERE IS IT NOW, BILLY?

STRAIGHT AHEAD--22 STEPS!

INSTANTLY, IRON, THE STRONG MAN METAL, LIFTS THE BLIND FUGITIVES AHEAD OF THE MOST FANTASTIC FURIES IN HISTORY...

RRRNNN

THUD!

WRANK

-KLANGG-

WE'RE AT THE RAMP, TINA! I CAN FEEL IT!

WONDERFUL, BILLY! SEE, MERCURY? INSTEAD OF STEAMING IN PANIC--YOU SHOULD LEARN TO HAVE FAITH IN PEOPLE!

JUST LIKE A FEMALE! CLACKING YOUR PLATINUM TONGUE WHEN WE'RE SECONDS AWAY FROM BEING POUNDED INTO JUNK! INSIDE! HURRY!

NO SOONER HAVE THE BLIND METAL MEN AND THEIR SIGHTLESS TEENAGE GUIDE FLED INTO THEIR ROCKET...

LISTEN?

THOSE MECHANICAL MONSTERS HAVE SEIZED THE ROCKET!

WRRRR!

THEY'RE PREVENTING THE RAMP FROM SHUTTING TIGHT!

KLANK-KLANK!

KLANK!

AS THE INHUMAN HORDE BATTERS THE ROCKET...

BILLY--YOU FLEW US HERE FROM EARTH WITHOUT SIGHT! YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN OPERATE THE CONTROLS BLIND! WE ALL HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOU TO GET US BACK!

YOU'VE ALL FLIPPED YOUR SWITCHES! HE'LL NEVER EVEN BLAST OFF!

G-G-GIVE HIM A CH-CH-CHANCE, MERCURY!

BILLY!--YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE OFF--IMMEDIATELY--BEFORE THOSE METAL MONSTERS GET INTO THE ROCKET THROUGH THE OPEN RAMP!

HE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO DO IT! WE'RE DOOMED!

THUD! THUD! KLANK! THUD!

THE BLIND TEENAGER'S SENSITIVE FINGERS AND ACUTE MEMORY SINGLE OUT THE CONTROLS AT THE PLATINUM ROBOT'S COMMANDS--UNTIL WITH A RENDING ROAR...

WE'RE OFF!

BUT--WE'RE CARRYING SOME OF THAT MECHANICAL HORDE WITH US--FEEL THE LAG IN THE ROCKET'S THRUST?

MERCURY--A PERSON C-C-CAN DO ANYTHING--IF P-PEOPLE BELIEVE IN H-HIM! WE B-B-BELIEVE IN YOU, BILLY!

THANKS!... I...I'LL DO MY BEST!

JUST FOLLOW THE SAME PROCEDURE WE USED FOR BLASTING OFF FROM EARTH, BILLY! READY--ON THE CONTROL AT UPPER LEFT?

WHROOOM!

UNDER THE EXTRA WEIGHT, THE METAL BAND'S ROCKET WOBBLES THROUGH SPACE IN AN ERRATIC COURSE... UNTIL...

WE'RE PICKING UP SPEED!

SSSSSSSSS!

FRICTION MUST BE MELTING THOSE HORRIBLE HITCH-HIKERS!

WE'RE FREE! FEEL THE SUDDEN THRUST?..

VROOOOSH!

AS THE BLIND PILOT SITS AT HIS CONTROLS...

I KNEW BILLY W-W-WOULD SAVE US!

THE KID'S AS SMART AS--UHH-- A ROBOT!

YOUR WIRING MUST HAVE SLIPPED--TO LAUGH AT A TIME LIKE THIS! NONE OF US CAN SEE! INCLUDING THE KID AT THE CONTROLS! HOW DO YOU EXPECT THIS BLIND CRAZY-HOUSE TO EVER REACH EARTH AND DOC MAGNUS? WE DON'T KNOW WHERE WE'VE BEEN--WHERE WE ARE--OR WHERE WE'RE GOING?

SUDDENLY--THE METAL MEN'S ROCKET IS WHIRLED AROUND AS IF IT WERE A STRAW...

GYRO-SCOPE MUST BE OUT OF ORDER!

KLANG!

KLUNK!

MAYBE WE'RE IN THE GRIP OF A COSMIC STORM?

WHY DON'T YOU FACE THE FACT THAT THE KID'S OUT OF CONTROL? WE'RE FINISHED--! FINISHED!!

MEANWHILE, ON EARTH, DOC MAGNUS, THE INVENTOR OF THE METAL MEN IS SO IMMERSED IN A SCIENTIFIC PROBLEM THAT HE'S TOTALLY UNAWARE THAT HIS ROBOTS ARE FACING DESTRUCTION IN SPACE...

IF TINA HADN'T PROMISED BILLY I'D FIND A CURE FOR HIS BLINDNESS I'D STOP MY EXPERIMENTS!

THE DOCTORS WHO EXAMINED BILLY WERE RIGHT! THERE'S NO KNOWN ELEMENT ON EARTH AT PRESENT-- TO CURE HIM!

BUT I HAVEN'T THE HEART TO GO OUTSIDE AND TELL HIM THAT! SO I'LL STAY IN MY LAB--UNTIL HIS VISIT IS OVER! AND THE METAL MEN TAKE HIM HOME AGAIN!

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IN THE GRIP OF A COSMIC STORM OF TITANIC FORCE, THE ROCKET BEARING THE **METAL MEN** IS WHIRLED THROUGH SPACE LIKE A STRAW IN A HURRICANE...

WHILE IN THEIR FRENZIED EFFORTS TO AVOID STRIKING THEIR BLIND NAVIGATOR--THE METAL MEN ARE BATTERED INTO GROTESQUE SHAPES AGAINST EACH OTHER!...

EXCUSE M-M-ME, MER-MER-MERCURY!

KLANG!

PARDON MY-- UHH-- ELBOW!

STOP BREAKING ME UP INTO GLOBULES! YOU KNOW I'M LIQUID AT ROOM TEMPERATURE!

THUNG!

BLANG!

GOOD THING I'VE GOT AN IRON EYE, LEAD!

KLUNK!

SORRY, GOLD!

MY PLEASURE, TINA!

METAL MEN

SUDDENLY, AN OMINOUS WARNING...

BRRRNNGG!

THAT'S THE WARNING SIGNAL FOR A CRASH LANDING!

REVERSE CONTROLS, BILLY!

JUST THE WAY I DID WHEN I MADE THAT OTHER LANDING?

YES!--YES, BILLY! BUT--HURRY--HURRY--THAT WAS A FIVE-SECOND WARNING!

WHROOH!

AS THE METAL BAND'S ROCKET WOBBLES TOWARD A CRASH LANDING ON THE FAR HORIZON--THE BLIND ROBOTS AND THEIR SIGHTLESS TEENAGE PILOT ARE UNAWARE THAT THEY ARE BEING WATCHED BY THE MOST PITILESS EYES IN UNKNOWN SPACE--THE **ROBOT JUGGERNAUTS!**

KREEE

DEMON SPACE SENDS US A NEW SACRIFICE FOR OUR GRAVEYARD! RRRNNNG!

METAL MEN

MEANWHILE, AS THE BLIND TEENAGE PILOT BARELY REVERSES THE CONTROLS IN TIME ...

WHRRRR!

KEEP OUT OF BILLY'S WAY -- WHATEVER YOU DO!

LOOK OUT! -- YOU'RE MIXING UP ALL MY GLOBULES!

AS THE DISLOCATED ROBOTS LABORIOUSLY RESUME THEIR FORMER SHAPES...

GLAD I'M **PLATINUM**!

GOLD'S MALLEABLE ENOUGH TO RESHAPE EASILY TOO!

TH-TH-THIS IS ONE T-T-TIME **I'M** GLAD I'M S-SOFT AS **TIN**!

DITTO FOR-- UHH-- **LEAD**-- THAT'S -- UHH-- ME!

IRON CAN TAKE A LOT OF PUNISHMENT!

ONLY THE IRRITABLE **MERCURY** COMPLAINS...

GLOP-

SLUP-

BLUP-

STOP GABBING -- AND HELP ME PUT MYSELF TOGETHER! I DON'T KNOW WHERE ALL MY PARTS ARE!

AIDED BY THE BLIND TEENAGER, THE SIGHTLESS METAL MEN FUMBLE FOR THE MERCURY GLOBULES...

A FINE BUNCH OF ROBOTS YOU ARE! YOU CAN FLY A ROCKET-- BUT YOU CAN'T PUT ME TOGETHER!

GLUP-SLOP-BLUP-

I TELL YOU-- I FEEL FUNNY!

PARTS OF ME ARE MISS-ING!

YOUR VOICE BOX IS CERTAINLY HERE!

GLUP-SLOP-BLUP-

WHY, YOU PLATINUM DOLL! YOU HAVEN'T STOPPED GABBING SINCE YOU CAME OUT OF A TEST TUBE!

WHY DON'T YOU CRAWL BACK INTO A THERMOMETER WHERE YOU BELONG, YOU MERCURY JACK-IN-THE-BOX!

THE GOLDEN ROBOT INTERVENES BETWEEN THE QUARREL-ING METALS...

STOP ARGUING, YOU TWO! WE'VE GOT TO THINK OF A WAY OF RETURNING TO EARTH! IRON! LEAD!-- HELP ME CARRY MERCURY OUTSIDE-- WHERE WE'LL HAVE MORE ROOM TO REASSEMBLE HIM! THE REST OF YOU FOLLOW WITH WHATEVER GLOBULES YOU CAN FIND!

IT'S ALL RIGHT FOR YOU TO COME TOO, BILLY! THE ATMOSPHERE OUTSIDE IS THE SAME AS EARTH'S.. OR THE ROCKET'S "ASTRA-ASCERTAINER" WOULD HAVE WARNED US!

BLOP-

BLOP-

METAL MEN

AS THE METAL MEN STUMBLE FROM THEIR ROCKET, CARRYING THE BEARDED MERCURY WITH THEM...

I-I'M BEGINNING TO SEE AGAIN! THE BLINDING EFFECT OF THAT PHOTO-FLASH ATTACK IN THE PLAYGROUND OF TERROR-- MUST BE WEARING OFF! ANYBODY ELSE REGAINING THEIR VISION?

Y-Y-YES, GOLD! BUT I WISH I DIDN'T! L-L-LOOK WHAT'S COMING TOWARD US? G-G-GIANT ROBOTS!

CLANK! CLANK! CLANK!

BEFORE THE PITILESS ADVANCE OF THE HORRENDOUS HORDE...

ROBOTS? -- THEY LOOK MORE LIKE JUGGERNAUTS!-- CRUSHING EVERY-THING IN THEIR WAY!

WHIRRING-- KLANK!

TOO LATE TO GET BACK INTO THE ROCKET! THEY'LL BE UP TO US LONG BEFORE WE CAN GET AWAY! OUR BEST CHANCE IS TO LEAD THAT METAL MOB AWAY FROM THE ROCKET--THEN DOUBLE BACK AFTER WE'VE LOST THEM!

BUT, AS THE PERT PLATINUM WHISKS THE FUGITIVES FROM THE MACABRE MENACE...

TINA! STOP!-- STOP!-- YOU'RE MAKING EVERY-ONE DROP PARTS OF ME ALL OVER THE LOT! GOLD! STOP HER!

S-S-SORRY, MERCURY! G-G-GUESS I'M JUST TOO SCARED TO H-H-HOLD ANYTHING! TH-THAT'S WHAT COMES OF HAVING TIN F-FINGERS! I'LL GO B-BACK FOR Y-YOU!

NO, YOU DON'T, TIN! WHAT'S THE LOSS OF A LITTLE LIQUID TO MER-CURY! HE CAN ALWAYS STEAM UP SOME MORE! KEEP GOING!

GUP-GUP-GUP!

SUDDENLY, BEFORE THE STARTLED GAZE OF THE FLEEING METAL MEN... THE ROBOT JUGGERNAUTS PAUSE AND...

THOSE GHASTLY GIANTS HAVE PICKED UP OUR ROCKET-- AS IF IT WERE JUST A TOY!

I TOLD YOU WE WERE DOOMED-- FROM THE START! WE'LL NEVER GET BACK TO EARTH WITHOUT A ROCKET!

THE GOLDEN METAL APPEALS TO HIS FELLOW ROBOTS...

MERCURY'S RIGHT! WE ARE DOOMED--UNLESS WE CAN GET OUR ROCKET BACK! WE'LL PUT IT TO A VOTE! "YES!" TO FIGHT FOR OUR ROCKET! "NO!" IF YOU WANT TO KEEP RUNNING!

I SAY "RUN!" IF ALL MY PARTS WERE TOGETHER-- YOU WOULDN'T SEE ME FOR STEAM!

GLUP--GLUP-!

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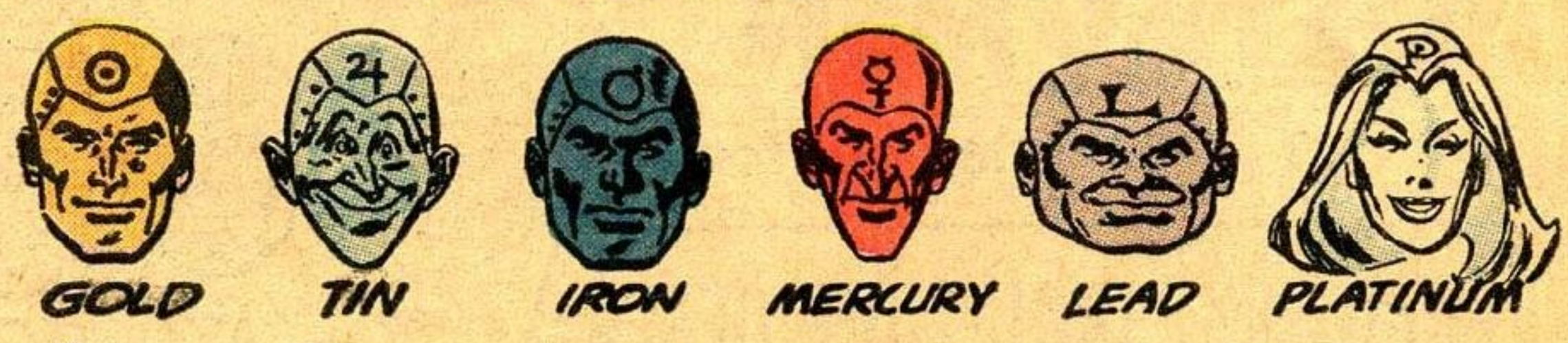

Dear Metal Men: We . . . UHH . . . think you guys . . . UHH . . . are kind of . . . UHH . . . overdoing . . . UHH . . . the characterization bit with . . . UHH . . . *Lead!* UHH . . . don't you think that you could . . . UHH . . . leave out a few of those "UHHH's" whenever he speaks? All kidding aside, you've done a great job in giving each metal member a personality to fit his caliber of metal. We think that by now though, everyone has gotten the idea that *Lead* is a rather unintelligent member of the Metal Marvels, so could you please dispense with a few of the UHHHH's in his conversation. . . .

Steve Jam & Rocky Midyett, West Covina, Cal.

Dear Steve and Rocky: UH—sure—UHH!—Lead.

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Dear Metal Men: Every issue of Metal Men is a sheer delight. I love those metallic characters, and have no complaints. But I do have a suggestion. I feel very sorry for TINA, and think she should have a friend—so why not have Doc Magnus provide her with SILVER GIRL? I'm sure Doc would make her very happy doing that.

Jeanette Smith, Lampasas, Tex.

Dear Jeanette: Thanks! But I don't need any more competition for Doc's favors! What if SILVER GIRL turned out to be more beautiful than I? I'd never get Doc to notice me!—TINA.

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Dear Metal Men: Talk about super-heroes—no other band compares to the super-super-super-super Metal Men. My only beef is that goofy TIN. What a clown! What a poor excuse for a hero! What an idiot's delight! What a no-gooder! What a sap! Why don't you bend him out of shape and throw him in the scrap heap? Why don't you make shredded tin, and serve the scraps up for breakfast for a metal-eating monster? Maybe . . . maybe this letter will be read by Tin, and he'll take the hint and get lost!

Barry Brown, Bay City, Mich.

Dear Barry: I d-d-didn't know y-y-you cared! —TIN.

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Dear Metal Men: We keep hearing about Tina's Responsometer—and the bug in it that gives Platinum Girl those human feelings. A very ingenious twist, I must admit. But, you know, I've developed a terrible curiosity about that responsometer. What's it made of? How does it work? How about giving us a look at it?

Bruce Wheeler, Oakland, Calif.

Dear Bruce: Don't get personal!—TINA.

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Dear Metal Men: I was pleased to note that in recent issues you have introduced other elements as robots. One always wonders if the best choices have been made. I think you have, but here is a list of some new robots for villains—and how they would stack up against the Metal Men:

BARIUM—the fireworks would be very colorful, but the MM should be able to snuff him out.

ALUMINUM—just great—has many possibilities.

CALCIUM—what a bubbling, engulfing lava-like deposit could do!

SODIUM—just a lot of fizz . . . but could make trouble!

PLUTONIUM — very dangerous — could be deadly!

CHLOROFORM—would make an interesting villain, but who wants the Metal Men sleeping through the whole story?

CARBON—could be almost as picturesque as the Metal Men themselves by changing to its various forms, charcoal, graphite, and diamond!

Philip Vlasak, Fords, N. J.

Dear Philip: We've already fought most of them! You *must be sleeping!—The Metal Men.*

PART THREE — THE METAL MEN IN "THE ROBOT JUGGERNAUT!"

AS THE INHUMAN JUGGERNAUTS CARRY THE METAL MEN'S IMMENSE ROCKET AWAY WITH THEM...

KLUNG-WHRRR-

KLANK!

WHHRRNNGG--DEMON SPACE HAS SENT US A NEW SACRIFICE FOR OUR GRAVEYARD!--WHHRRNNGG--!

THE JUGGERNAUTS' METALLIC DISSONANES ARE TRANSLATED BY THE METAL BAND'S MEMORY COMMUNICATIONS-CENTER WITH TABULATOR TERROR!

TO THOSE ROBOT JUGGERNAUTS--THE METAL ROCKET IS LIVE! MACHINES MUST BE REAL TO THEM! LIKE HUMAN VICTIMS OF CANNIBALS!

WE'RE METAL TOO! THOSE JUGGERNAUTS WOULD PROBABLY THINK WE'RE JUST A BUNCH OF JUICY FRANKFURTERS!

RUN IN THE OTHER DIRECTION--BEFORE WE END UP INSIDE OF TOASTED ROLLS!

GLUP-

PLOP-!

B-B-BUT WHAT ABOUT TH-TH-THE VOTE TO FIGHT FOR OUR ROCKET?

AT THE HUMBLE TIN METAL'S REMINDER...

I VOTE TO FIGHT.. TINA?

FIGHT!... LEAD?

UHH--SURE--UHH-- FIGHT! IRON?

FIGHT!... TIN?

F-F-FIGHT!... I'M NOT ASKING YOU, M-M-MERCURY-- I KNOW YOU WANT T-T-TO STAY--

YOU TRYING TO SHOW ME UP, YOU TIN WHISTLE? I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO FIGHT-- EVEN IF I'M NOT ALL IN ONE PIECE!

NATURALLY, WE CAN'T PUT YOU TO THIS RISK, BILLY! YOU'RE ONLY HUMAN-- IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!

THAT'S NOT FAIR, TINA! YOU VOTED ME AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE METAL MEN WHEN WE LEFT EARTH! I VOTE "YES!" TO FIGHT FOR THE ROCKET ALSO!

AS A WEIRD STORM SUDDENLY ARISES LASHING THE STRANDED BAND WITH STRANGE LIQUIDS...

BOOMBLE!

THIS RAIN HAS A CHEMICAL TASTE!

STOP TRYING TO ACT LIKE A HUMAN SCIENTIST, GOLD! I VOTE AGAINST TAKING THE KID ALONG! HE CAN'T SEE! HE'LL SLOW US UP! AND BE IN CONSTANT DANGER TO HIM-SELF!

MERCURY'S RIGHT, BILLY! IT'S F-F-FOR YOUR OWN G-G-GOOD!

SURE, KID! IT'D--UHH-- BE DIFFERENT IF YOU--UHH-- COULD SEE!

LEFT FOR HIS OWN SAFETY, THE DEJECTED TEENAGER'S TEARS MINGLE WITH THE RAIN OF CHEMICALS...

STAY WHERE YOU ARE, BILLY! WE'LL BE BACK FOR YOU AS SOON AS WE'VE RECOVERED OUR ROCKET!

YOU MEAN IF--!

PLOP-

METAL MEN

AND THEN--LIKE THE SUN SUDDENLY SHINING THROUGH DARK CLOUDS, THE YOUNGSTER'S EYES GLOW BRIGHTLY AS...

I CAN SEE!--I CAN SEE!--WAIT FOR ME--WAIT FOR ME!

I THOUGHT THE RAIN TASTED OF CHEMICALS! IT PROBABLY CONTAINS ELEMENTS UNKNOWN ON EARTH AT PRESENT--WHICH CURED BILLY!

AS THE ELATED TINA LIFTS BILLY TOWARD THE METAL BAND WITH A HUG...

I'M SO HAPPY YOU CAN SEE AGAIN, BILLY--I--I CAN KISS YOU!

LOOK AT YOU--ACTING LIKE A FEMALE INSTEAD OF A ROBOT! DOC MAGNUS WAS RIGHT! SHE'S GOT BUGS IN HER "RESPONSO-METER"!

L-L-LET'S FACE IT, MERCURY! T-T-TINA IS DIFFERENT THAN THE R-R-REST OF US!

VIVA LA--UHH--DIFFERENCE!

SUDDENLY, SPRINGING AT THE METAL MEN--THE MOST FANTASTIC FURY HUMAN EYE OR ROBOT EYE-LENS HAS BEHELD SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME!..

GNEEE!

THAT CREATURE--LOOKS LIKE THE "POP" SCULPTURE ARTISTS ARE DOING TODAY!

IT LOOKS LIKE LEFTOVERS FROM A STEAMSHOVEL'S DINNER IN A JUNKYARD!

IT C-C-CAN'T BE REAL!

KLANK!

BUT, AS THE DAZED ROBOTS ARE HURLED OVER WITH THE IMPACT OF A PILE DRIVER...

ON THIS--UHH--SPACE JUNKYARD--THE--UHH--JUNK IS REAL!

OR I'VE GOT--UHH--AN IMAGINARY HEADACHE! HA-HA!

KLANK!

GO AHEAD, LEAD--LAUGH YOURSELF INTO SCRAP!

BUT--AS THE JUNKYARD NIGHTMARE LAUNCHES ANOTHER RUTHLESS ATTACK AGAINST THE METAL MEN, TIN ROLLS HIMSELF INTO A HUGE BALL... AND...

GNNRRRR!

UNKKKK!

HELP ME HIT HIM WITH A SANDWICH PUNCH, LEAD!

HIT H-H-HIM SOMEBODY-- WHILE I'VE G-G-GOT HIM OFF B-BALANCE!

THE "MUSCLE" METALS FACE EACH OTHER AND...

LOOKS LIKE THIS--UHH-- HERO SANDWICH WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIM!

THUNGG-!

S-STRAIGHTEN M-ME OUT-!

OOOPH--! M-ME TOO--!

AS THE MUSCULAR ROBOTS RIGOROUSLY REMOLD THEIR MISSHAPEN COMRADE...

THIS BETTER, TIN?

M-MUCH!

THUNK-!

TH-THANKS--!

I THINK TIN LOOKS--UHH-- BETTER THAN HE DID BEFORE!

ADVANCING OVER THE EERIE LANDSCAPE, THE METAL MEN SEE FAR AHEAD OF THEM... TOWERING OVER THE HORIZON...

L-L-LOOK! OUR ROCKET! ST-ST-STICKING UP LIKE THE EIFFEL TOWER!

EIFFEL TOWER? WHAT WOULD YOU KNOW OF THE EIFFEL TOWER? YOU NEVER WERE IN PARIS!

GET OFF TIN'S BACK, MERCURY! HE COULD'VE-- UHH--SEEN IT IN PICTURES! COULDN'T HE-- UHH--?

THAT'S A CRAZY SENTENCE, LEAD! BUT I GET WHAT YOU MEAN! I THINK! SURE HE COULD'VE!

AND THEN--LIKE A LIVING ROADBLOCK IN FRONT OF THEM--A PITILESS APPARITION!

WHRRRW GGNRR

ONE OF THE ROBOT JUGGERNAUTS BARRING THE WAY! WE'LL HIT 'EM FROM ALL SIDES! PUT MERCURY DOWN-- HE'S IN NO CONDITION TO FIGHT UNTIL ALL THE PARTS OF HIM ARE PUT TOGETHER PROPERLY!

GLUP

STOP TALKING OF ME AS IF I WERE A--A-- METAL JIGSAW PUZZLE!

IRRITABLY THE DISLOCATED MERCURY RE-ASSEMBLES HIMSELF...

I CAN BEAT THAT JUNKYARD JUGGERNAUT NO MATTER HOW I'M PUT TOGETHER! TOO LONG!-- TOO SHORT!-- TOO WIDE! TOO NAR--

SSS-SSSS-!

SUDDENLY, THE METAL BAND IS SEIZED BY A UNIQUE FORCE AND...

ZLLLZ

THAT ROBOT'S MAGNETIC!

WE'RE BEING PULLED TOWARD IT!

ZUNGG-!

METAL MEN

INSTANTLY, THE METAL MEN MAGNETIZED HELPLESSLY TO THE ROBOT JUGGERNAUT-- FIND THEMSELVES DRAWN INTO THE MOST SINISTER TRAP OF ALL TIMES AS WITH IN-EXORABLE FORCE...

THE JUGGERNAUT'S COMPOSED OF GRINDING ROLLERS!

BILLY!-- BILLY!-- GOT TO SAVE BILLY!

GRRIINGG-- WHIRRR-!

FLATTENING US OUT LIKE-- UHHH -- PANCAKES!

FRANTICALLY, TINA UNCOILS BACKWARD LIKE A PLATINUM LIGHTNING...

TIN--YOU'RE NOT TRAPPED IN THE ROLLERS YET-- YOU'RE OUR ONLY HOPE TO SAVE BILLY! TAKE HIM WITH YOU!

M-M-ME? BUT I'M ONLY T-T-TIN?

PINNED THOUGH THEY ARE-- THE METAL MEN BATTLE THE ROBOT JUGGERNAUT WHICH HAS THEM TRAPPED-IN A DESPERATE ACTION, WHICH...

TIN'S ROLLING TO SAFETY WITH BILLY! THAT WAS QUICK COMPUTING ON YOUR PART, TINA!

HUH!--THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME HER "RESPONSOMETER" EVER WORKED CORRECTLY!

TINK-TINK-

AS THE IRRESISTIBLE ROBOT JUGGERNAUT GRINDS AWAY WITH THE ENTRAPPED METAL BAND...

POOR DOC! HE'LL NEVER FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENED TO US!

POOR DOC? IT'S US THAT IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO!

ST-STOP SPEAKING OF D-DOC! YOU'RE ONLY REMINDING ME THAT I'LL NEVER GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO CONVINCE HIM TH-THAT I'M JUST AS GOOD AS ANY OF THOSE FLAT, SKINNY HUMAN MODELS THAT ARE AL-ALWAYS HANGING AROUND HIS LAB! BOO-HOO!

AWW--DON'T CRY, TINA! YOU KNOW THAT-- UHH--ROBOTS CAN'T CRY!

WHIRR-NNGGG-!

TINK-TINK-

METAL MEN

MEANWHILE—THE TEENAGER, AND THE TIN ROBOT, THE ONLY SURVIVORS OF THE TITANIC TRAP, STARE AT THE VANISHING JUGGERNAUT GIANT...

STOP, TIN! WHAT KIND OF HONORARY MEMBER OF THE METAL MEN AM I—IF I DON'T DO ANYTHING TO HELP THEM?

I'M W-W-WORSE, BILLY! I AM A METAL MAN—EVEN IF I'M ONLY TIN! WH-WH-WHAT AM I DOING TO HELP THEM? N-NOTHING! BUT—I'M GOING BACK AFTER THEM! EVEN IF I D-D-DON'T KNOW WH-WHAT TO DO! S-S-SO YOU BETTER STAY HERE!

BUT THE TEENAGER REBELS AT BEING LEFT BEHIND AND...

WE'LL BOTH TRY TO HELP THE METAL MEN, TIN! USE THE ROCKET AS A LANDMARK—AND CIRCLE IN BACK OF IT—SO WE WON'T BE SEEN!

NO W-W-WONDER YOU HUMANS MAKE US ROBOTS—YOU S-S-SEEM TO KNOW WHAT TO DO ALL TH-TH-THE TIME! HERE WE GO! H-H-HOLD ON!

TINK TINK

MEANWHILE, THE MAGNETIZED METAL MEN ARE BROUGHT BY THEIR JUGGERNAUT CAPTOR TOWARD THE MOST STAGGERING SPECTACLE MIND CAN CONCEIVE!...

LOOK!—OUR ROCKET'S HELD CAPTIVE!

AND THEY'RE GOING TO SACRIFICE OUR ROCKET IN THAT SMELTER—LIKE A CAPTIVE IN A CANNIBAL COOKING POT!

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO US? WE'RE CAPTIVES TOO!

SSS-UBBBLE!

WHRRN—NNGGGRRRR!

AS IF IN EERIE ANSWER...

WHRRRANG!

THE JUGGER-NAUT'S ROLLERS ARE GRINDING AGAIN!

PRESSING US OUT!

KLUNNG!

LIKE LIFELESS SHEETS OF METAL--THE UNIQUE **METAL MEN** ARE DROPPED TO THE GROUND BY THE INEXORABLE ROLLERS OF THE **JUGGERNAUT**!

KLANG!

GNRRRRNNG

KLUNK!

AS THE PANCAKE-LIKE ROBOTS LIE HELP-LESSLY...

TINK TINK!

THEY'RE TOO LATE!

NO-- **NO!**-- **TIN'S** ROLLING UP WITH BILLY-- TO TRY TO HELP US!

AND WITH-OUT EXTREME HEAT-- WE CAN'T HELP OUR-SELVES!

THE TEENAGER'S AND **TIN'S** GALLANT ATTACK AGAINST THE **JUGGERNAUTS** INEVITABLY ENDS WITH ...

C-C-CAN'T STOP ROLLING! I'M BEING M-M-MAGNETIZED TOWARD THE **JUGGERNAUTS**! I'VE F-F-FAILED THE **METAL MEN**-- FAILED YOU, BILLY! I'M S-S-SORRY--

NEVER MIND, **TIN**! NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS-- WE TRIED OUR BEST!

TINK-TINK-!

SUDDENLY, THE SHEET-LIKE METAL MEN ARE LIFTED UP BY THE PITILESS JUGGERNAUTS AND...

WHRRRNNGG--THESE THINGS CAME WITH THE ROCKET! DROP THEM IN THE SMELTER FIRST! WNNRRRHHH--!

SSSSSSSSS

WHNNN--THEN WHEN THEY'RE ALL MIXED UP--DROP IN THE ROCKET AFTER THEM--AS A SACRIFICE TO DEMON SPACE--FROM WHOM ALL GIFTS FALL! WHRRNNRRR--!

AS THE FLATTENED METAL BAND SINKS INTO THE INFERNO-LIKE SMELTER...

BUBBLE--SSS!

THIS IS THE HEAT WE NEED! FUSE--FUSE!

SPLASH!

SPLASH!

AN ASTOUNDING TRANSFORMATION BEGINS TAKING PLACE STAGGERING ALL THE KNOWN LAWS OF CHEMISTRY AS... ON AN UNKNOWN PLANETOID...

FORM AN ALLOY! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE! PLATINUM--MERCURY--IRON--LEAD--ALLOY WITH ME! ALLOY--ALLOY!

BUT I'M SUPPOSE TO FORM AN AMALGAM WITH A RARE METAL--LIKE SILVER! NOT AN ALLOY WITH--

AWW! STOP ARGUING FOR ONCE, MERCURY! THIS IS--UHH--AN EMERGENCY! DO LIKE GOLD SAYS! AL--AL--UHH--?

ALLOY, LEAD--ALLOY! HOW ARE YOU GOING TO DO IT--IF YOU CAN'T PRONOUNCE IT?

SSSSSSSSS!

BUBBLE--BUBBLE--BUBBLE!

AS THE PITILESS ROBOT JUGGERNAUTS PREPARE TO ADD THEIR LATEST VICTIMS TO THE TALLY OF TERROR...

WHRRNNN-- THEY'RE THE LAST! THEN THE SMELTER WILL BE READY FOR THE ROCKET!-- WHNNRRR-!

I'D HAVE G-G-GIVEN ANYTHING TO S-S-SAVE YOU AT L-L-LEAST, BILLY!

FORGET IT, TIN! I'M PROUD TO HAVE KNOWN YOU AND ALL THE METAL MEN!

SUDDENLY SURGING UP FROM THE SMELTER AN AMALGAM OF FUSED METALS SUCH AS NO GALAXY HAS EVER SEEN...

I'D SAY I WAS D-D-DREAMING--IF ROBOTS COULD DREAM?! IT--I MEAN YOU-- I MEAN YOU ALL--C-C-CAN'T BE--?!

RIGHT! TIN MEET THE ALLOYED METAL MEN! GOLD--!

IRON!

LEAD!

PLATINUM!

ALTHOUGH I SHOULDN'T BE HERE IN AN ALLOY--INSTEAD OF AN AMALGAM-- MERCURY!

THE IMMOVABLE ROBOT JUGGERNAUTS RING THE CAPTIVE ROCKET...

WHAT DEMON SPACE HAD GIVEN US--WILL NEVER BE RETURNED! GRIND THESE THINGS INTO DUST FILINGS!

WE WILL RUST INTO DUST HERE-- UNLESS WE WIN BACK OUR ROCKET!

IMMOVABLE THOUGH THEY ARE--THE JUGGERNAUTS FIND THEMSELVES STRUCK AS IF BY A THUNDERBOLT--BY THE ALLOY OF METAL MEN!

KLUNGGG!

BLANG

BLANG!

GOSH--AM I GLAD I CAN SEE THIS FIGHT! SO I CAN TELL THE GANG BACK HOME ALL ABOUT IT--WHEN WE GET BACK!

EVEN WHILE THE AIR IS STILL FILLED WITH FLYING PARTS FROM THE EERIE BATTLE OF THE ALLOY **METAL MEN VS.** THE **ROBOT JUGGERNAUTS**...

NEXT STOP, EARTH!

JUST LOOK OUT THE VIEW PORT, BILLY-- UNTIL YOU SEE YOUR HOME!

VROOSH!

BUT THE JUBILANT **METAL BAND'S** VICTORY TURNS TO ASHES WHEN...

I...I'LL NEVER SEE HOME!... I...I CAN'T SEE AGAIN!... I'M...JUST LIKE I WAS BEFORE-- BLIND!

EVIDENTLY, THAT CHEMICAL RAIN THAT MIXED WITH BILLY'S TEARS ONLY PRODUCED TEMPORARY SIGHT! THE UNKNOWN ELEMENTS THAT WILL CURE HIM PERMANENTLY--STILL REMAIN TO BE FOUND!

POOR BILLY! POOR-- POOR BILLY!

AND THEN, AS THE ROCKET FLASHES THROUGH SPACE TOWARD EARTH WITH ITS SADDENED OCCUPANTS...

LOOK OUT! THE ROCKET'S BEING PELTED BY COSMIC DUST FROM THAT COMET'S TAIL!

CAN'T STEER OUT OF THE WAY-- THAT COMET'S TAIL IS COUNTLESS MILLIONS OF MILES LONG, AT LEAST!

INSIDE THE ROCKET, THE ALLOY METAL MEN COME TO A GRIM DECISION...

WE'VE GOT TO SHIELD BILLY FROM BEING HIT BY ANY OF THESE PELLETS OF COSMIC DUST!

I'LL BE NEXT TO YOU, BILLY! LEAD MAKES-- UHHH--THE BEST SHIELD AGAINST RADIO-ACTIVITY AND--UHH--MOST ANYTHING! RIGHT?

GAB-- GAB-- GAB! STOP TALKING-- AND START SHIELDING!

AS THE ROCKET ROARS TOWARD ITS DESTINATION ON AUTOMATIC PILOT... THE SPACE BOMBARDMENT CONTINUES...

THOSE PELLETS ARE SPEEDING IN WITH SUCH INCREDIBLE VELOCITY THAT THEY'RE BARELY BREAKING THE ROCKET'S SKIN!

I CAN SEE THIS SH-SHOWER IS HAVING AN EFFECT ON YOU--IT'S M-MAKING **YOUR** ALLOY SKIN GLOW!

BILLY NEEDS MORE PROTECTION! BUT-- WE'RE ALL AROUND HIM!

AROUND THE GLOWING SHIELD OF METAL MEN...

WH--WHAT'S WRONG WITH A TIN COVERING?

ONWARD THROUGH THE COMET'S TAIL WITH ITS UNKNOWN ELEMENTS HURTLES THE METAL BAND'S ROCKET... UNTIL...

WE'RE THROUGH-- WE'RE THROUGH! NEXT STOP--DOC MAGNUS' LAB!

NO SOONER HAS THE ROCKET RETURNED TO THE HUGE LABORATORY COMPLEX OF DOC MAGNUS, WHERE THE METAL MEN MAKE THEIR HOME...

THERE'S BILLY! HE MUST HAVE JUST FINISHED BEING TAKEN ON A VISIT TO THE ROCKET! SOMEDAY, I'LL TAKE HIM ON A SHORT FLIGHT! AROUND THE CITY MAYBE! TO SOFTEN HIS DISAPPOINTMENT-- WHEN I TELL HIM I'VE FAILED TO DISCOVER THE UNKNOWN ELEMENT THAT WILL CURE HIS BLINDNESS!

THE GENIUS-INVENTOR IS STARTLED WHEN...

HI, DOC!

HI, BILLY!--W-WAIT--!-- HOW COULD YOU RECOGNIZE ME BEFORE YOU HEARD. ME? UNLESS--? UNLESS YOU CAN--?

YES, DOC! BILLY CAN SEE! A SHOWER OF UNKNOWN ELEMENTS FROM A COMET'S TAIL CURED BILLY'S BLINDNESS!

AM I S-S-SEEING THINGS? OR--OR IS THAT YOU? AN ALLOY OF GOLD, TIN, LEAD, PLATINUM, MERCURY, IRON--?

THE PERT PLATINUM ROBOT ANSWERS IN HER INIMITABLE WAY AS...

IT'S A LONG STORY, DOC! AND WE'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT! BUT--I HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT!

THAT'S WHAT I WAS AFRAID OF!

SO ENDS THE FANTASTIC ADVENTURE WHICH STAGGERS THE SENSES! WATCH FOR THE NEXT SPACE-SHAKING SPECTACULAR STARRING THE UNIQUE METAL MEN IN THEIR OWN MAGAZINE--METAL MEN!

I LIKE CHOCOLATE FUDGE BEST!

I LIKE VANILLA FUDGE BEST!

...BUT EVERYONE LIKES TOOTSIE ROLL FUDGE BEST! IT'S CREAMY, SMOOTH, DELICIOUS!

Get some!

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ALLOYS ARE TWO OR MORE METALS JOINED TOGETHER...

S-S-SURE YOU WANT TO ALLOY ME, COPPER? I'M ONLY T-TIN!

COURSE I DO, TIN! I THINK YOU'RE CUTE!

DOC MAGNUS' HOUSE OF ALLOY

COPPER--DO YOU TAKE TIN FOR YOUR LAWFULLY MIXED ALLOY?

I DO!

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BOING!

I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU--BRONZE!

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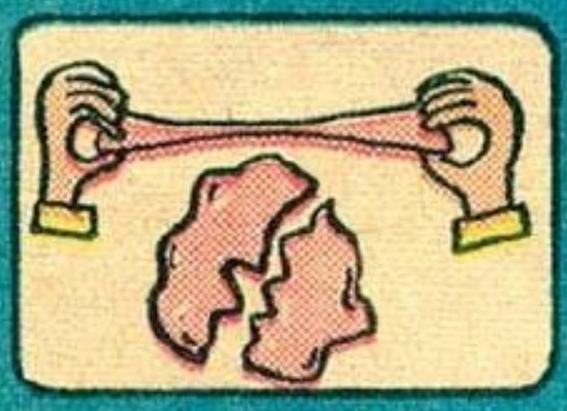

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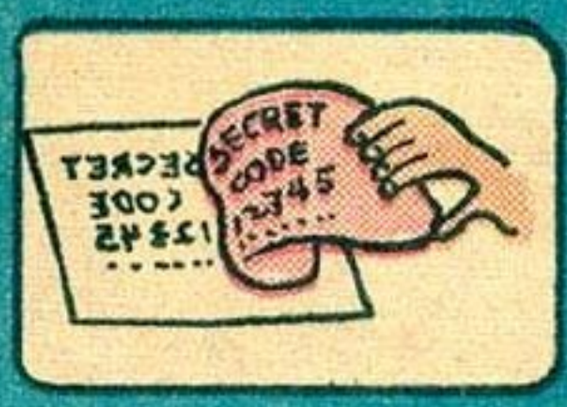

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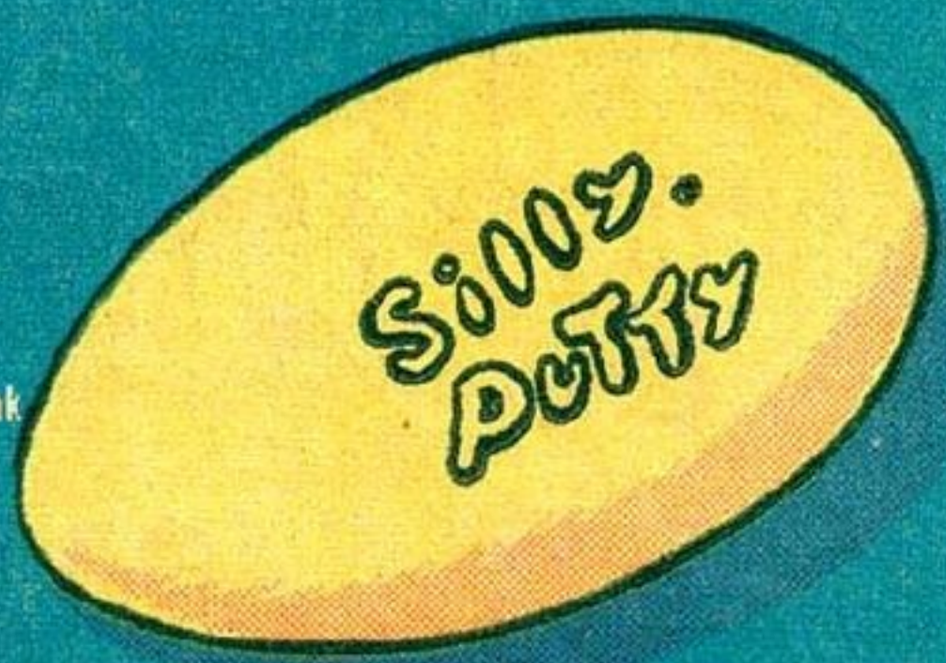

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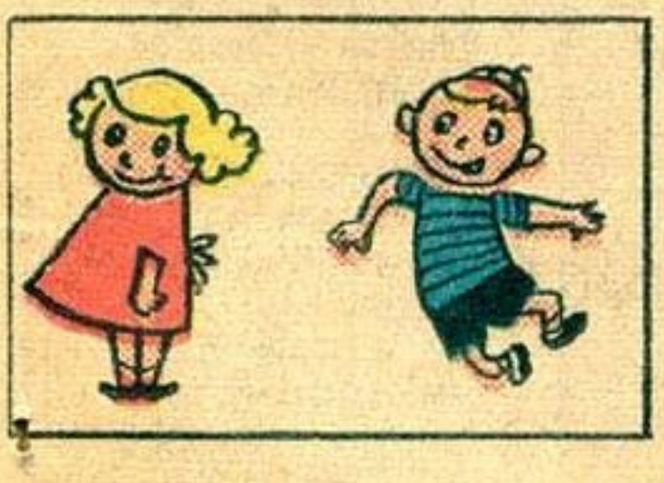

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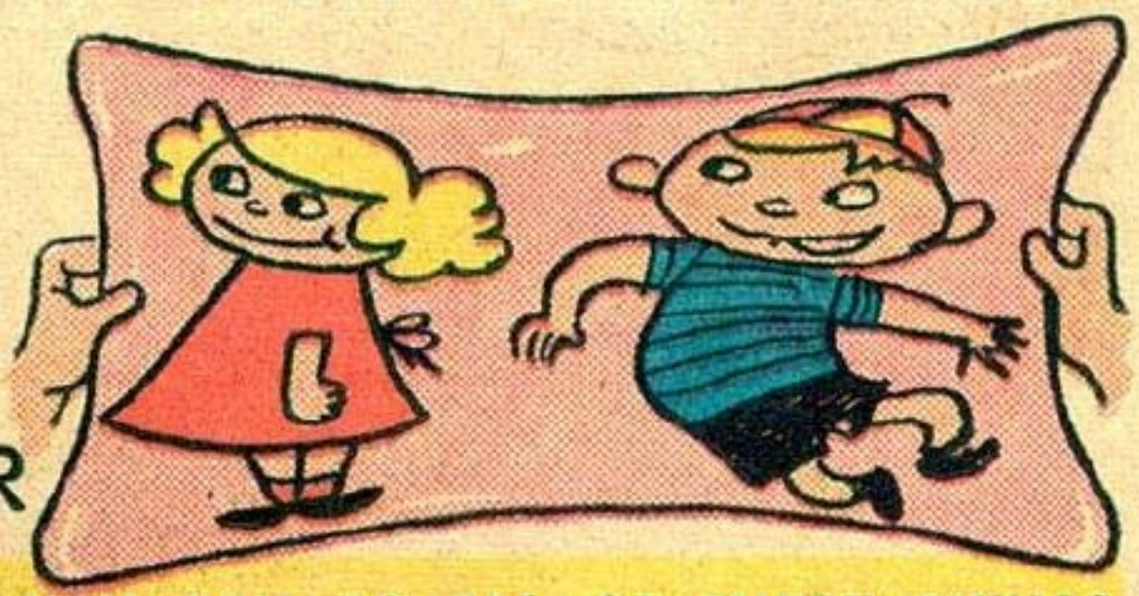

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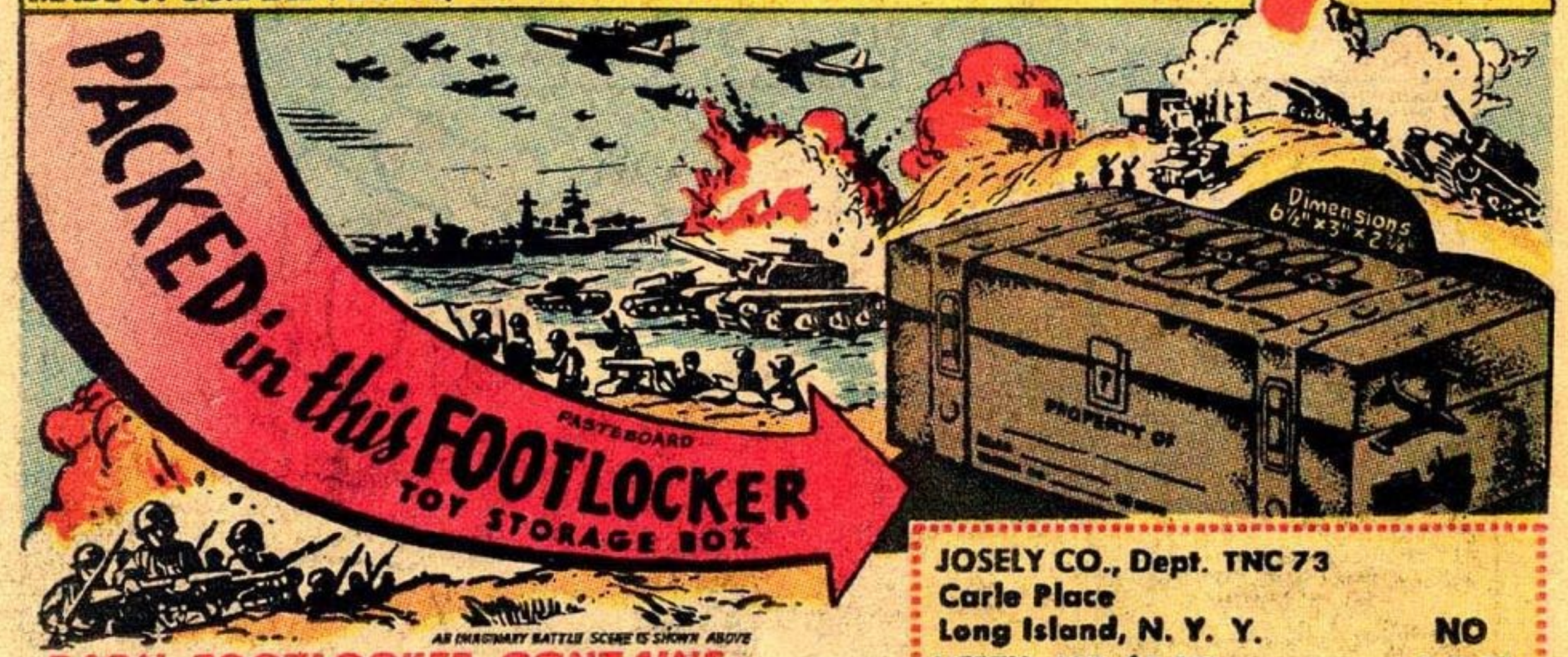

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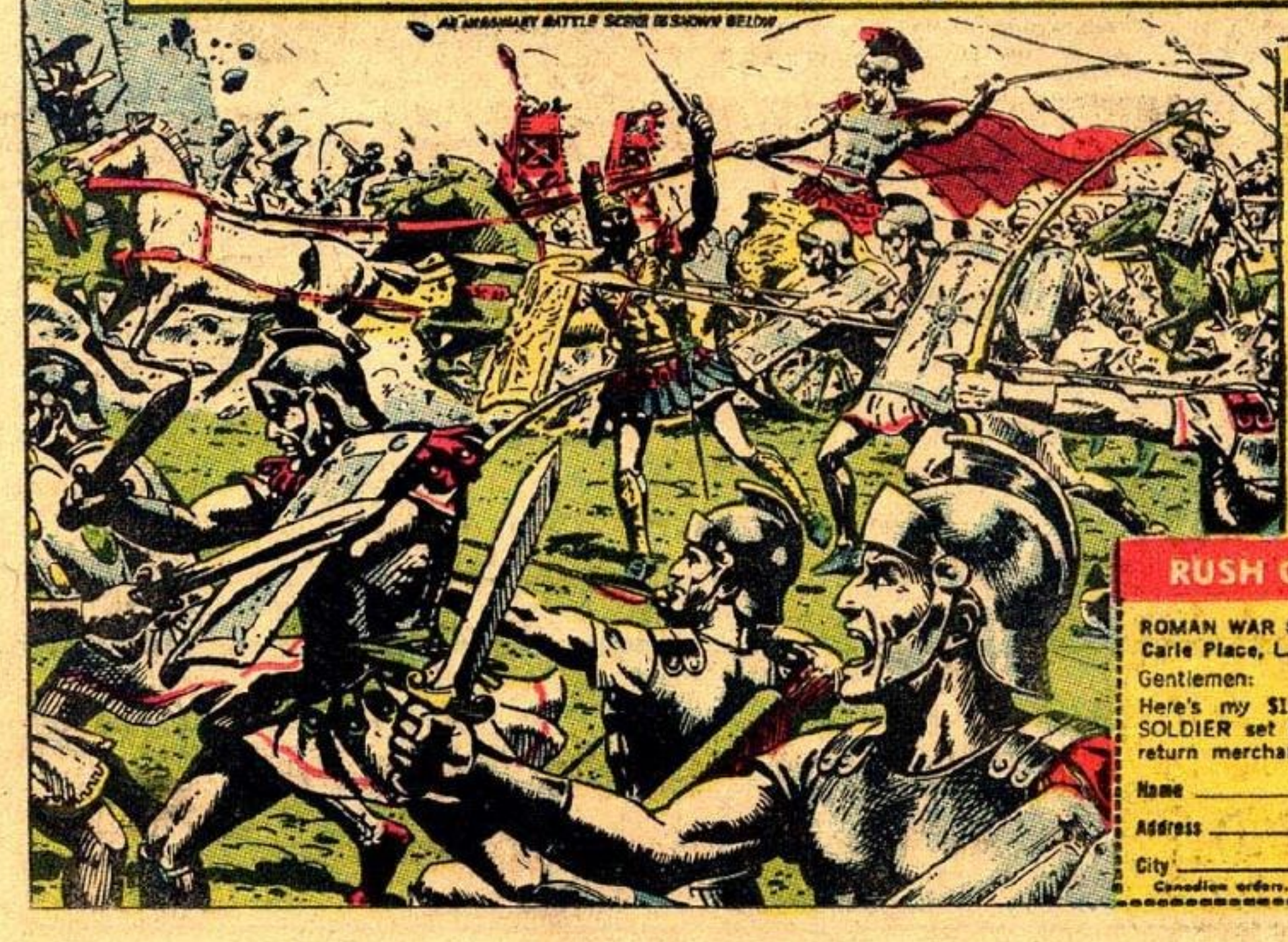

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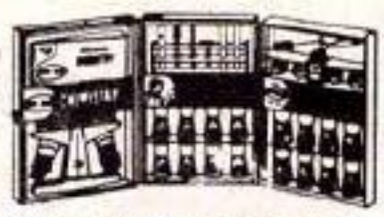

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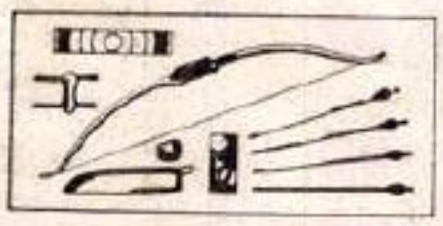

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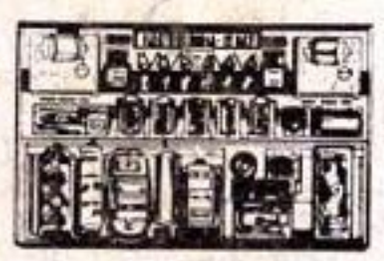

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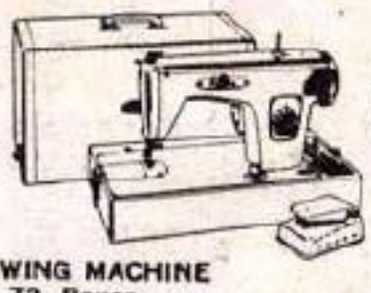

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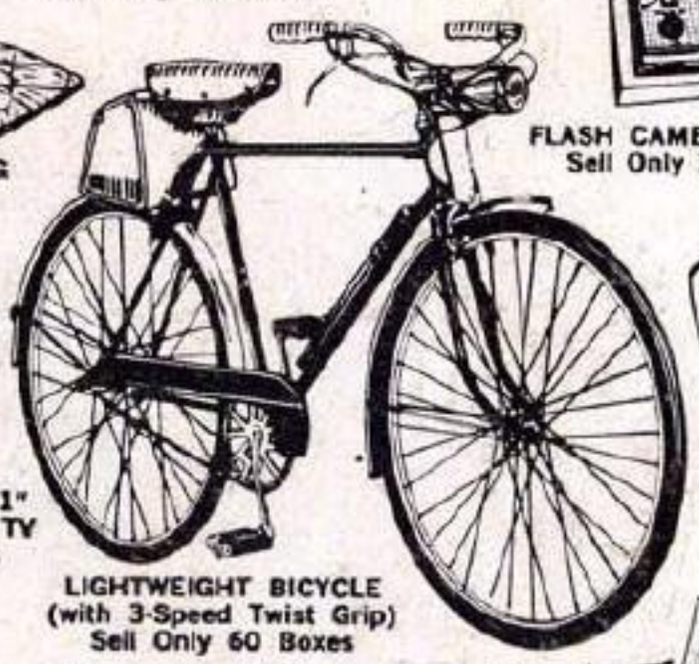

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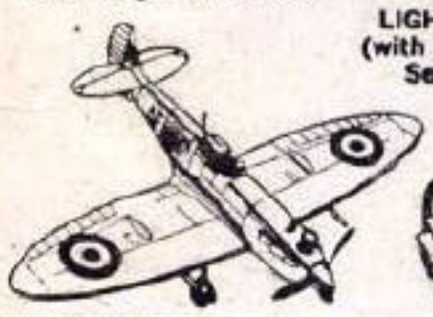

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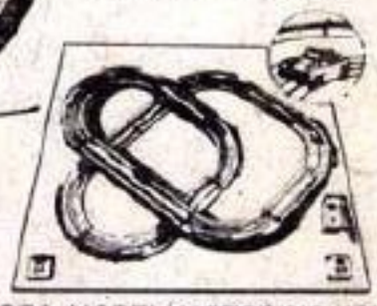

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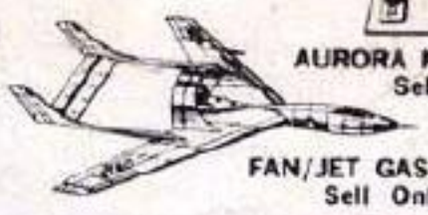

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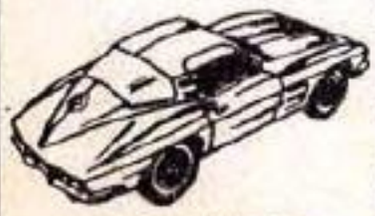

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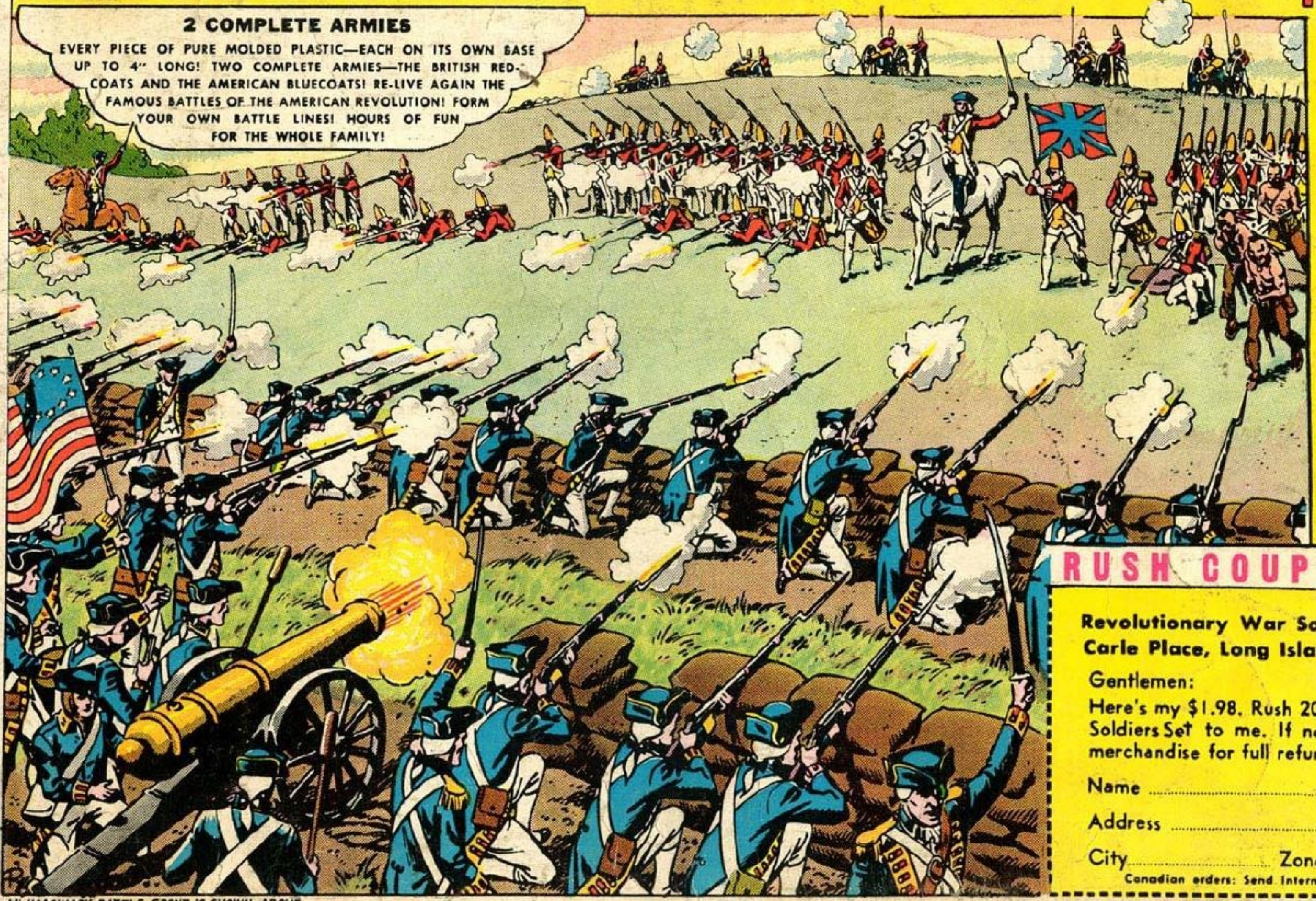

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